



Life Course

Interventions

Brief Name

Availability of Psychologists

Indicator

Rate of psychologists per 100,000.

Description

This measure uses Bureau of Labor Statistics data to calculate the ratio of psychologists to the general population.

WI	US	Best	Worst
34.5*	33.5	73.4	8.3
per 100,000		per 100,000	
Year		MA	LA
2015			

Numerator

Number of psychologists

Denominator

Number of residents, per 100,000

*Indicates statistically significant difference from the US value at $p < 0.05$.

Importance

Psychologists frequently provide mental health services to children and families.

Limitations

This is not a measure specific to child psychologists.

This is a statewide estimate and does not account for regional variations or provider scarcities in rural areas.

Tracking the availability of psychologists does not provide information about the number of providers who are taking new patients, or who take patients with various types of insurance, such as Medicaid.

These occupational employment numbers are estimates calculated with data collected from employers, not direct counts of providers.

Source

Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed at [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov).